REMARKS

The present Preliminary Amendment is being filed together with a Continued Prosecution Application.

The claims now pending in the present application are 13 to 15, 17, 18, 21 to 40 and 45 to 57. Claims 13, 14, 17, 21, 27, 33, 37, 45, 49 and 53 are independent. Claim 45 has been amended. Claim 57 is newly presented.
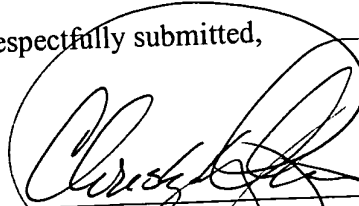
Claim 45 has been amended to correct two inadvertent typographical/grammatical errors. Applicant submits that the proposed amendments merely are formal in nature and do not alter the scope of the claim. No new matter has been added.

Newly presented Claim 57, which depends from independent Claim 45, has been added to provide Applicant with an additional scope of protection commensurate with the disclosure. No new matter has been added, and Applicant submits Claim 57 is allowable for at least the same reasons as Claim 45. Individual consideration of Claim 57 respectfully is requested.

Applicant submits that the present application is in allowable form. Favorable consideration of the application and early passage to issue respectfully are requested.

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VERSION WITH MARKS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE TO CLAIMS

45.   (Amended)   A recording device for recording at least one of image data and voice data in a detachable recording medium, comprising:

means for generating image data or voice data to be recorded;

means for retrieving from the detachable recording medium attribute information pre-recorded on the detachable recording medium; and

means for recording the attribute information retrieved by said retrieving means from the recording medium that relates to the image data or voice data generated [generating] by said generating [generation] means.

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